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1 JOSEPH TRIPP 2 missing. 3 A. Correct. 4 Obviously, Newtown Police didn't Q. agree with that. 5 Correct? 6 7 No idea what their thought A. 8 process was. 9 Okay. But somehow they were Q. 10 wrong to believe the kids -- the children 11 were missing? How is that? 12 13 Again, you're asking me to come A. 14 up with his thought process. 15 I am asking your thought process because you said there was something wrong 16 and I want to know what and how you came to 17 that conclusion. 18 19 He would have known that we were 20 doing an investigation. 21 Q. Into what? 22 A. Locating Mr. Bush's children. 23 Q. Why were you trying to locate his kids? 24 25 Because he asked us to. A.

3 missing? 4 Yes or no, Sergeant? 5 He said they were missing. A. So the only information you had 6 Q. 7 were the kids were missing and the D.A. told 8 you to keep going around this circle that 9 they weren't missing. 10 Is that your testimony? The decision was made by the 11 Tioga County District Attorney as to not 12 13 treat this as a missing children. 14 And that decision, if I understand you correctly, was almost 15 immediate from the start of this 16 17 investigation. 18 Is that true? 19 It was very quick. Yes. A. 20 State Police want me to be very Q. 21 specific. So I need to know what you mean by 22 very quick. 23 A. I don't know. You're asking me. This is not my investigation. Trooper 24 Whisner's investigation, Corporal Wheeler 25

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Okay. Did he tell you they were

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2	supervisor, I am station commander. You're	2	result of what somebody told you. You
3	asking me to form opinions on this stuff	3	weren't present for the D.A. to say that.
4	that you know what I mean?	4	A. Correct.
5	Q. I do, but you have to understand	5	Q. All right. Is it your testimony
6	from my point of view.	6	you've never spoken with Captain Hill, now
7	A. I do.	7	Major Hill before this litigation?
8	Q. Okay. You're telling me you know	8	A. Relative to what.
9	things under oath, but then telling me, well,	9	Q. I'm just going to ask a yes and
10	I don't really know them, that Whisner is the	10	
11	only one that knows them.	11	MR. HENZES: In general?
12	So do you know or don't	12	BY MR. PURICELLI:
13	you know other than what you were told that	13	Q. Yes. And I expect certain
14	the District Attorney's Office formed an	14	answers.
15	opinion that this wasn't a missing persons	15	A. Well, you need to be more
16	event?	16	specific.
17	A. That is what the opinion was from	17	Q. No. I don't.
18	the district attorney.	18	MR. HENZES: Ever?
19	Q. And you know that personally	19	MR. PURICELLI: Ever.
20	because you were present when he said that.	20	MR. HENZES: Then say
21	A. Trooper Whisner and Corporal	21	ever.
22	Willard, yes. Not when John Cowley, the	22	MR. PURICELLI: I don't
23	district attorney, made the statement. No.	23	have to say ever.
24	I was not present.	24	MR. HENZES: Well, yes.
25	Q. So you then only know it from the	25	You do.

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- 2 headquarters. I got a copy of that report long after when I got a copy of everything. 3 Okay. So did McDermott ever tell 4 5 you when he spoke to you about the history that it was known to him that the allegations 6 7 of the kids being missing had already been reported by the local police department and 8 9 that they had not agreed with Mrs. Bush? 10 I don't recall that. No. 11
 - Q. McDermott never told you that
- Serene told him that she reported the kids as 12
- missing to Richmond, Virginia Police 13
- 14 Department and they would not help her?
- 15 Not that I recall. I know he was -- McDermott was filling out a missing 16
- persons gathering all the information for 17
- somebody. 18

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- 19 Did he tell you that Mrs. Bush Q. told Trooper McDermott the following: That 20
- 21 she contacted the Virginia State Police and
- they told her that she had to figure out what 22
- court papers was issued from Luzerne County 23
- 24 before they could do anything?
 - There was talk about the Luzerne

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- 2 County court order.
- Did McDermott tell you that when 3 Q.
- 4 he called you?
- 5 There was some conversation about A.
- 6 the court order.
- 7 Okay. And you previously O.
- 8 testified you wouldn't know if a court order
- 9 was good or bad.
 - Correct?
 - Just by looking at it.
- 12 A. No.

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- 13 Q. And --
- 14 A. Other than it was coming from
- 15 Luzerne County.
- Q. All right. The Luzerne County 16
- 17 court order that you were talking about,
- 18 okay, you weren't a party in any way to the
- discussion on how that order came to be. 19
 - Correct?
- 21 I asked Mr. Bush how he got a A.
- court order out of Luzerne County. 22
- 23 And what did he tell you?
- I said, did you suddenly move to 24 A.
- 25 Luzerne County?

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He said, no.

3 Q. Okay. You didn't know that any

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- Court of Common Pleas Court would have 4
- 5 jurisdiction over -- subject matter
- jurisdiction over divorce matters? 6
- Did you know that?
- 8 A. That you can go to any county you
- 9 want and file?
 - Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. No. I didn't know that.
- 12 Q. You didn't know that people
- regularly go to Dauphin County for divorce 13
- matters when they don't live in Dauphin 14
- County? 15
- 16 A. No, sir. I didn't know that.
- 17 Q. You didn't know there were
- attorneys that actually advertise to do that? 18
- 19 A.
- 20 Q. Okay. Were you aware in the
- investigation done by your station that the 21
- Tioga County judge had indicated that he no 22
- longer had jurisdiction over the custody 23
- 24 issue?
- 25 A. No.

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- 2 Did you receive any -- did David Q.
- 3 Bush provide you with any transcripts of
- 4 court proceedings from Tioga County?
 - He provided us with a ton of A.
- stuff. 6

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- 7 Q. Okay. And do you recall any of
- your investigators telling you they actually 8
- 9 read those transcripts?
 - A.
- I assume you didn't. 11 Q.
- Correct? 12
- 13 A. I don't recall if I read
- 14 transcripts or not.
- 15 Okay. Do you have any
- relationship with the Haven organization? 16
 - Working relationship. A.
- 18 Q. Other than working. I think you
- 19 talked about that.
- 20 What type? No. A.
- 21 Q. Do you receive any monies from
- 22 them?
- 23 A. No.
- Did you develop any information 24 Q.
- that Sara Bush had changed the identities of 25

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about the changing of the kids' names? Excuse me?

What, if anything, did you learn about the changing of the kids' names from the name Mr. Bush reported to you?

What did we learn?

If anything.

I didn't learn anything from it.

Even from the review of the report you learned nothing of why the kids

were changed -- their names were changed and

who changed them and under what authority

they were changed? 14

15 A. I would assume their mother

16 changed them.

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18 (Recess.) 19 _ _ _

BY MR. PURICELLI: 20

21 All right. The Attorney Q.

22 General's Office has provided me with

documents responsive to my requests, one of 23

24 which was an investigation conducted in

25 regards to the Christopher Bush complaint.

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Doesn't ring a bell.

When was the first discussion you

When they were looking for Dave

Do you know who Detective Lawson?

What, if anything, did you learn

After the children were taken

No.

Okay.

from Virginia, I think.

A. Q.

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Q.

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Q.

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Q.

Bush.

had with the FBI?

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147 1 JOSEPH TRIPP 2 Randy has done an exhaustive search --3 MR. HENZES: On Brian's 4 computer using a disk my secretary 5 copied for him. MR. PURICELLI: And come 6 7 to the same conclusion I did on my 8 search, which is we can't find the 9 writing that Sergeant Tripp has 10 testified to and that I'm sure we will 11 continue to look for it. 12 Right? 13 MR. HENZES: If it exists. MR. PURICELLI: If it 14 15 exists. 16 MR. HENZES: If it exists. I think he testified he's 17 not sure if he gave him something in 18 19 writing or it was over the phone. He 20 said he wasn't sure what he did with it. MR. PURICELLI: I think 21

1 JOSEPH TRIPP 2 send something to company headquarters. 3 At least that's my 4 recollection. 5 We went to all that battle for nothing and we'll move on. 6 7 BY MR. PURICELLI: 8 All right. Sergeant Tripp, a 9 moment ago you had told me you learned the 10 kids' names had been changed. 11 Do you know how you 12

learned the kids' names had been changed? A. 13 I believe through Trooper

14 Whisner.

16 was you learned?

(Shakes head from side to side.) 17 A.

Okay. Do you know about when it

18 Q. Would it have been before or

19 after you learned that the kids had been

20 located?

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21 A. I think it was before.

22 Q. You think.

23 A. I think.

Q.

24 Q. If we looked at his report would that help refresh your memory whether it was

the record will show he did something in

writing and sent it. He didn't remember

how he sent it, but may have kept a copy

because he always keeps a copy when he

149 Case 2:07-cv:04936-MAM Document 55-211 Filed 10/01/10 Pre Page 5 of 8 2 I'm asking you based on the 2 before or after? Q. It says on 10/23/06 Sara Bush, 3 report that you reviewed. 3 A. 4 who had changed her name to Isara Isabella 4 A. It says right here like I told 5 you that she had the order vacated. It 5 Serene. 6 Q. 10/23/06? 6 appears after the kids were located they find 7 out the kids' names were changed. 7 That's the date that she had the A. Luzerne County order vacated, but that's the 8 Can we agree if I rely on this 8 9 first where I see documentation. 9 report we'll see that the entry made in NCIC of the kids' names were their given names, 10 And if I tell you she had the 10 not their changed names? 11 Luzerne County order vacated after 11 Christopher Bush and David Bush had already 12 A. We didn't put the entry in. He 12 did. located them and picked up the children, can 13 13 14 we agree that there's no entry that you can 14 Q. I understand that. I'm asking if 15 you would agree with that. see in that report to say that the State I don't know how he entered them 16 A. Police had developed the same information as 16 17 Newtown had in locating the children? 17 without looking. I don't know what you're asking 18 18 Q. I thought you looked at the A. 19 19 report. me. That's the one out of Virginia. Did the State Police find the 20 A. 20 O. kids? 21 I don't see the copy of 21 22 the one made by Detective Bush. 22 Nope. A. Did they find out the kids' names 23 Q. All right. So you can't agree 23 Q. 24 with me. 24 had been changed on their own? 25 You asked me. I don't know. 25 Right?

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2	Correct?	2	MR. HENZES: But you're
3	A. Yes.	3	asking him what someone else wrote.
4	Q. Okay. All right. And Lie	eutenant 4	BY MR. PURICELLI:
5	Dennis C. Hile has in this document	David 5	Q. I'm only trying to find out
6	Bush as the victim and Sara Nicole M	Monserrate 6	factually what's going on here.
7	AKA Sara Bush as the suspect.	7	A. Why was this
8	Correct?	. 8	Q. Why were you listed as the
9	A. That's what he has listed.	. 9	requesting personnel?
10	Q. And it has you down as tl	he 10	A. Again, whether it be from being
11	requesting personnel.	11	notified that you're a subject of a BPR or a
12	Doesn't it?	12	pending lawsuit when these reports are kept
13	A. Correct.	13	on station once it's closed out the
14	Q. And what were you reque	esting? 14	attachments are separated and sent down to
15	MR. HENZES: N	Io. No. No. 15	DHQ.
16	He has him as the	16	A. I saw that. I saw it noted in
17	7 requesting personnel.		the report. I understand that.
18	MR. PURICELLI:	Yeah. I'm 18	A. It says here: Due to attachments
19	just reading it, Randy.	19	being not needed, which again, we need all
20	BY MR. PURICELLI:	20	the attachments to a report. That's why we
21	Q. It says requesting person	nel 21	were requesting another copy.
22	colon Sergeant Joseph Tripp.	22	Q. That's where I'm going.
23	Doesn't it, Sergean	nt? 23	Are you the one requesting
24	A. Yes.	24	the duplicate copy of these attachments or is
25	Q. Okay. So I read it correct	ctly. 25	Dennis C. Hile requesting them?
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2	Α.	I think I did.		2	A. Okay. What's your question?
3	Q.	Thank you.		3	Q. Well, my question was: How would
4	100	Why?		4	that help you to answer the question that
5	A.	To have all the information.		5	would be raised about the complaint that you
6	Q.	Well, wasn't the subject of your		6	said certain things and act a certain way?
7	investigat	ion merely the contact you had with		7	A. Well, wasn't the date of his
8	David Bu	sh and Newtown Township?		8	complaint January of '07?
9		It's a yes or no.		9	Q. Well, let's answer my question
10	A.	The subject of my investigation?		10	first. Okay?
11	Q.	Yes.		11	A. Well, you're asking me the date
12	A.	Yes.		12	on this is June 28, 2007. That investigation
13	Q.	Okay. Why did you need every		13	would have been over. So this could have
14	attachme	nt in whatever you classified this, a		14	been the possibility of requesting report for
15	missing p	erson report or concealment of, why		15	this pending litigation.
16	did you n	eed everything?		16	Q. Do you know?
17	Α.	To be able to prepare thoroughly.		17	A. I can only assume. I don't
18	Q.	To say what you said and didn't	es :	18	remember. Like I said, when you get involved
19	say, knov	v and don't know when you call why?		19	in something either BPR, litigation, you want
20	Α.	To have at all information in		20	copies of all your attachments. Simple as
21	front of n	ne.		21	that.
22	Q.	Well, how would an NCIC entry by		22	Q. Well, if you requested all these
23	Virginia	help you to discuss what you said to		23	attachments to prepare for this litigation
24	Christop	her Bush when you never saw the NC	IC	24	when I requested you to produce what you
25	entry?			25	requested, did you make copies of your

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2	attachmer	nts that you got and send th	nem to	2	notes, too	(
3	your attor	ney?		3	A.	Oh, they're long gone.
4	Α.	Your request goes throug	h	4	Q.	When would they have been long
5	departme	ntal headquarters.		5	gone?	
6	Q.	No. My request		6	Α.	Because Mansfield station
7	Α.	It has nothing to do with	me.	7	command	ler?
8	Q.	So would your answer the	en be no	8	Q.	Uh-huh.
9	one ever t	old you to collect documen	ts and	9	A.	I no longer work in Mansfield.
10	send them	to your attorney however	you got	10	Q.	Okay.
11	them to h	im?		11	A.	I now work in Montoursville. If
12	Α.	Yes.		12	I kept eve	ery note from every investigation I
13	Q.	Well, did you make notes	from any	13	would ne	ed a room this big to put them in.
14	activities	that you had been involved	l in	14	That's w	hy it gets documented in a report.
15	either wit	h David Bush or Christopl	ner Bush?	15	Q.	Okay. And then you would have
16	A.	Have I made notes?		16	been able	e to tell me that, that you destroyed
17	Q.	Yes.		17	your note	es?
18	A.	Yes.		18	A.	That's not common practice to put
19	Q.	Okay. And I think you to	old me	19	in your r	eport that you destroyed stuff in
20	you keep the notes. Investigator keeps the		20	your noteboke.		
21	notes. Th	ey don't get attached.		21	Q.	I'm referring to your assumption
22	v	Right?	w	22	that men	no is in response to this litigation.
23	A.	That's what Lieutenant I	gnatz	23	A.	Could have been. I told you I'm
24	said. Yes	. Correct.		24	not sure	which one it was.
25	Q.	Okay. So when I asked f	or your	25	Q.	Okay. So it just as equally
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2	name there?	2	MR. PURICELLI: Inquiry
3	Do you know why?	3	for what, Randy?
4	THE WITNESS: I don't.	4	MR. HENZES: The
5	MR. HENZES: It's	5	supervisory inquiry that was done on
6	self-explanatory. And if you read what	6	Chris's complaint.
7	it says it's forwarded to the attention	7	MR. PURICELLI: Oh, so we
8	of CT2 Julia Foster, whoever that is.	8	are talking about the BPR.
9	Maybe you want to know who CT2 Julia	9	MR. HENZES: No. We're
10	Foster is.	10	talking about supervisory inquiry, as
11	MR. PURICELLI: Well, we	11	you will, when you talk to Major Hill,
12	can ask if you want to do my deposition	12	you'll find out there's two different
13	for me.	13	they're two different things.
14	MR. HENZES: Well, you're	14	BY MR. PURICELLI:
15	asking something that has really nothing	15	Q. How many times were you
16	to do with anything.	16	investigated over Christopher Bush's
17	MR. PURICELLI: Well, then	17	complaint?
18	why is it in the packet of the BPR	18	A. Once.
19	and	19	Q. All right. I thought so.
20	MR. HENZES: Because it	20	Has anybody talked to you
21	was part of what Trooper Hile, who did	21	that you were under supervision by any other
22	the inquiry said this is part of the	22	inquiry other than the BPR?
23	file. I need this. So here you go.	- 23	Do you know what he's
24	Because this is part of the inquiry for	24	talking about the supervisory inquiry?
25	part of the documents.	25	A. I do now.
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